

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF  
STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING  
July 20, 2023**

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, That the Mississippi Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning of the State of Mississippi met in a special called meeting held via Zoom at the Board Office in Jackson, Mississippi at 12:00 p.m. on July 20, 2023, and pursuant to notice in writing, to each and every member of said Board. The following members participated: Dr. Ormella Cummings, Mr. Tom Duff, Ms. Teresa Hubbard, Ms. Jeanne Carter Luckey, Mr. Bruce Martin, Dr. Alfred E. McNair, Jr., Mr. Chip Morgan, Mr. Gee Ogletree, Mr. Hal Parker, Mr. Gregg Rader, and Dr. J. Walt Starr. Dr. Steven Cunningham was absent. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Alfred McNair, President.

**To comply with Miss. Code Ann., §25-41-5, as amended, all votes taken during this Zoom meeting were recorded by name in a rollcall. The meeting was held to discuss changes to IHL Board Policy 605 Proof of Immunization.**

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AGENDA**

On motion by Trustee Starr, seconded by Trustee Martin, with Trustees Cunningham and Rader absent and not voting, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve the item on the Academic Affairs Agenda.

1. **SYSTEM** – Approved for final reading the proposed amendments to Board Policy 605 Proof of Immunization and waived the requirement for a second reading of this revision as required by Board Policy 201.0302 Procedures for Changing Board Policies and Adopting New Policies. The amendments, which will allow the institutions to grant religious exemptions for required immunizations, are in keeping with the Mississippi Department of Health’s addition of the same type of exemption for K through 12 students.

**605 PROOF OF IMMUNIZATION**

**A. Measles, Mumps, and Rubella**

Proof of immunization of measles, mumps, and rubella is required (two doses of the MMR vaccine) of all students, unless exempt because of (a) actual or suspected pregnancy (measles or rubella vaccines are not required for females who are pregnant; if pregnancy is suspected, a valid certificate of medical exception from a health provider is required until pregnancy is resolved), (b) medical contraindication, or (c) birth prior to 1957. Temporary waivers may be granted for students enrolled in distance learning courses and/or programs where their time on campus is limited to a minimum number of hours as determined by the admitting IHL institution.

**B. HEPATITIS B**

Proof of hepatitis B vaccination is required for students who are involved in health education programs that cause them to be potentially exposed to blood or other bodily fluids.

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C. RELIGIOUS EXEMPTIONS

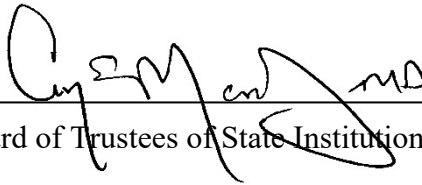
Each institution has the authority to grant religious exemptions.

~~C.~~ D. TUBERCULOSIS

Proof of test screening for tuberculosis by chest x-ray and interferon gamma release assays (IGRA) performed in the United States prior to the start of classes is required for all international students.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion by Trustee Rader, seconded by Trustee Hubbard, with Trustee Cunningham absent and not voting, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.



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President, Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning



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Commissioner, Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning